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SUBJECT:VISIT OF SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT FOR
CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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1. MRS. VIRGINIA KNAUER, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE
PRESIDENT FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO ADDRESS A SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER AFFAIRS SPONSORED BY SANKEI-SHIMBUN SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 1 IN TOKYO AND REPEATED OCTOBER 1-3 IN OSAKA. OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS REQUESTS EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN COORDINATING VISIT AND MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR TALKS WITH INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER LEADERS. COORDINATOR FOR SANKEI-SHIMBUN IN TOKYO IS MR. YOSHIAKI IWAO, TELEPHONE 231-7111.

2. MRS. KNAUER'S TENTATIVE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS
(SHIMBUN HANDLING ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH OCT 1):
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3; BRIEFING SESSIONS THAT EVENING BY SANKEI-SHIMBUN.

SEPTEMBER 29 - ADDRESS SEMINAR AT 9:30 A.M. AT SASAGAWA MEMORIAL HALL; PROBABLE MEETING WITH DEP.PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA IN AFTERNOON. DEPART FOR KYOTO, OVERNITE MIYAKO HOTEL, KYOTO.

SEPTEMBER 30 - TOUR OF KYOTO; TRAVEL KYOTO TO OSAKA. OVERNITE HOTEL ROYAL.

OCTOBER 1 - 9:30 A.M. ADDRESS SEMINAR; POSSIBLY OVERNITE IN OSAKA.

OCTOBER 2 - DEPART OSAKA FOR TOKYO; AVAILABLE FOR POSSIBLE STOPOVER IN NAGOYA TO ACCEPT INVITATION TO TOUR TOYOTA AUTO PLANT.

OCTOBER 3 - A.M. - OPEN FOR MEETING WITH JAPANESE CONSUMER ORGANIZATION LEADERS IN TOKYO UNLESS TRAVELLING FROM NAGOYA; OTHERWISE AVAILABLE P.M. FOR MEETING.

OCTOBER 4-5 - TOKYO ON PERSONAL BUSINESS.

OCTOBER 6 - LINK UP IN TOKYO WITH DELEGATES OF AWIU (AMERICAN WOMEN FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING) TO PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AS GUEST OF CHINA FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION.

3. SERVICES NEEDED:

(1) COORDINATION OF ARRANGEMENTS WITH SANKEI-SHIMBUN. (CONTACT: IWAO)

(2) POSSIBLY COORDINATE VISIT TO TOYOTA PLANT ON OCT. 2. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

(3) NEED TO ALERT APPROPRIATE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND CONSUMER ORGANIZATION LEADERS. EARLIER PLANNED TRIP OF MRS. KNAUER TO TOKYO 3/75 CANCELLED BUT UNCLASSIFIED

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HAD ANTICIPATED CONTACT WITH THREE CONSUMER ORGANIZATION IN JAPAN. THEY ARE:

THE CONSUMERS UNION OF JAPAN, TELEPHONE 711-7766, CONTACT HAS BEEN MRS. KATSUKO NOMURA.

THE JAPAN CONSUMER'S ASSOCIATION, TELEPHONE 541-5251, CONTACT IHEI WATANABE.

THE JAPAN HOUSEWIVES ASSOCIATION HEADED BY MRS. NUMEO OKU, TELEPHONE 265-8111.

MRS. KNAUER WELCOMES MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ANY OF THESE ASSOCIATIONS, IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY U.S. EMBASSY.

(4) MAY ASK EMBASSY TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING TRAIN RESERVATIONS OSAKA-NAGOYA-TOKYO MORNING OCTOBER 2.

(5) ALSO NEED HOTEL RESERVATION, SINGLE, FOR NIGHTS OF OCTOBER 2 THROUGH 5 IN TOKYO, PERHAPS OKURA OR OTHER APPROPRIATE HOTEL AT EMBASSY'S DISCRETION.

(6) MRS. KNAUER WILL CONTACT PAO UPON HER ARRIVAL RE POSSIBLE USIS PROGRAMMING.

4. COORDINATOR FOR MRS. KNAUER'S TRIP IS CHARLES R. CAVAGNARO, OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, WASHINGTON, TELEPHONE 202/395-3410. MR. CAVAGNARO WILL CALL EMBASSY ON SEPTEMBER 22 TO DISCUSS DETAILS. KISSINGER

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